

Hello '85,

I am hoping that anyone reading this was either at the Army/Navy game or able to watch it with an Alumni group, military friends or even at the local VFW, because THAT was a game for the ages. WOW!!

I wanted to say how great it was to see so many of you who showed up for our Friday evening small get together at Wiley Gunters and also for the much larger Tailgate and Victory Party at Wico Street Beer Company. It was worth the trip from Las Vegas to make this weekend happen and Navy's win will leave a sweet taste in my mouth until we do this again next season in NYC (game is that Meadowlands).

It's now 10 days until Christmas, so I want to wish everyone a very safe and blessed holiday. For those of you going to Memphis, I do not have anything planned for that game, but if you want to have a Class of '85 gathering, let me know and I will support getting out the word if you want to organize something (maybe you live there?). I am sure that the USNA Alumni Association will be having events that weekend as well and I will send that info out as I get it.

I continue my communications with our tour operator for the May of 2029 Normandy trip and I will be announcing updates by Summer of 2026. That is for surely happening and I am starting to explore some other opportunities for Class travel between now and 2029 and will keep you posted.

After the holidays, I will take some time to go over and review 2025 with you and give you a "State of Class" newsletter heading into our next reunion cycle. Judging by this past weekend, I think '85 is doing quite well and we keep setting the standard that other classes hope to follow. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and as always, BEAT ARMY!!

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